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CHAPTER —XXIII Continued

Suddenly a sharp spoken order opened up the ranks next to the house. Senor Montes appeared in the break, coming swiftly. His dark face wore a smile; his manner was courteous, important, authoritative.

"Senora, you got here in time. El Capitan Stewart will be free."

"Free!" she whispered.

She rose, reeling.

"Come," replied Montes, taking her arm. "Perdoneme, Senora."

Senor Montes led Madeline through a hall to a patio, and on through a large room with flooring of rough, bare boards that rattled, into a smaller room full of armed quiet rebels facing an open window.

Montes directed Madeline's attention to a man by the window. A loose scarf of vivid red hung from his hand.

"Senora, they were waiting for the sun to set when we arrived," said Montes. "The signal was about to be given for Senor Stewart's walk to death."

"Stewart's walk!" echoed Madeline.

"Ah, Senora, let me tell you his sentence—the sentence I have had the honor and happiness to revoke for you."

Stewart had been court-martialed and sentenced according to a Mexican custom observed in cases of brave soldiers to whom honorable and fitting executions were due. His hour had been set for Thursday when the sun had sunk. Upon signal he was to be liberated and was free to walk out into the road, to take any direction he pleased. He knew his sentence; knew that death awaited him, that every possible avenue of escape was blocked by men with rifles ready. But he had not the slightest idea at what moment or from what direction the bullets were to come.

"Senora, we have sent messengers to every squad of waiting soldiers—an order that El Capitan is not to be shot. He is ignorant of his release. I shall give the signal for his freedom."

"My there no—no possibility of a mistake?" faltered Madeline.

"None. My order included unloading of rifles."

"Don Carlos?"

"He is in irons, and must answer to General Salazar," replied Montes.

With a heart stricken by both joy and agony, she saw Montes give the signal.

Then she waited. No change manifested itself down the length of that lonely road. There was absolute silence in the room behind her. How terribly, infinitely long seemed the waiting!

Suddenly a door opened and a tall man stepped out.

Madeline recognized Stewart. She had to place both hands on the window-sill for support, while a storm of emotion swayed her. Like a retreating wave it rushed away. Stewart lived. He was free. He had stepped out into the light. She had saved him. Life changed for her in that instant of realization and became sweet, full, strange.

Stewart shook hands with some one in the doorway. Then he looked up and down the road. The door closed behind him. Leisurely he rolled a cigarette, stood close to the wall while he scratched a match. Even at that distance Madeline's keen eyes caught the small flame, the first little puff of smoke.

Stewart then took to the middle of the road and leisurely began his walk.

Madeline watched him, with pride, love, pain, glory combating for a mastery over her. This walk of his seemingly took longer than all her hours of awakening, of strife, of remorse, longer than the ride to find him. She felt that it would be impossible for her to wait till he reached the end of the road. Yet in the hurry and riot of her feelings she had fleeting panics. She wanted to run to meet him. Nervelessness, she stood rooted to her covert behind the window, living that terrible walk with him to the utter most thought of home, sister, mother, sweetheart, wife, life itself—every thought that could come to a man stalking to meet his executioners. With all that tumult in her mind and heart Madeline still fell prey to the incomprehensible variations of emotion possible to a woman. Every step Stewart took thrilled her. She had some strange, subtle intuition that he was not unhappy, and that he believed beyond shadow of doubt that he was walking to his death. His steps dragged a little, though they had begun to be swift. The old, hard, physical, wild nerve of the cowboy was perhaps in conflict with spiritual growth of the finer man, realizing too late that life ought not to be sacrificed.

Then the dark gleam that was his face took shape, grew sharper and clearer. He was stalking now, and there was a suggestion of impatience in his stride. It took these hidden Mexicans a long time to kill him! At a point in the middle of the road, even with the corner of a house and opposite to Madeline's position, Stewart halted stockstill. He presented a fair, bold mark to his executioners, and he stood there motionless a full moment.

That wait was almost unendurable for Madeline. Perhaps it was only a moment, several moments at the longest, but the time seemed a year. Stewart's face was scornful, hard. Did he suspect treachery on the part of his captors, that they meant to play with him as a cat with a mouse, to murder him at leisure? Madeline was sure she caught the old inscrutable, mocking smile fleeting across his lips. He held that position for what must have been a reasonable time to his mind, then with a laugh and a shrug he threw the cigarette into the road. He shook his head as if at the incomprehensible motives of men who could have no fair reasons now for delay.

He made a sudden violent action that was more than a straightening of his powerful frame. It was the old instinctive violence. Then he faced north. Madeline read his thought, knew he was thinking of her, calling her a last silent farewell. He would serve her to his last breath, leave her free, keep his secret. That picture of him, dark-browed, fire-eyed, strangely and strong, sank indelibly into Madeline's heart of hearts.

The next instant he was striding forward, to force by bald and adorn-ful presence a speedy fulfillment of his sentence.

Madeline stepped into the door, crossed the threshold. Stewart staggered as if indeed the bullets he expected had pierced him in mortal wound. His dark face turned white. His eyes had the rapt stare, the wild fear of a man who saw an apparition, yet who doubted his sight. Perhaps

"Who Are You?" He Whispered Hoarsely.

he had called to her as the Mexicans called to their Virgin; perhaps he imagined sudden death had come unawares, and this was her image appearing to him in some other life.

"Who—who—you?" he whispered hoarsely.

She tried to lift her hands, failed, tried again, and held them out, trembling.

"It is I, Madeline, Your wife!"

[THE END]

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 16

LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN

LESSON TEXT—Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1; Acts 16:9-12; Col. 4:14; II Tim. 4:11.

GOLDEN TEXT—"A friend loveth at all times and a brother is born for adversity."—Prov. 17:17.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Luke's Story of the Great Physician.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Luke, Paul's Friend.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Luke Helped Paul.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Luke's Contribution to Christianity.

I. Luke the Historian (Luke 1:15; cf. Acts 1:1).

Luke was a writer of great distinction. His style is clear and picturesque. The pieces of writing left us are the Gospel of Luke and the Acts. According to Acts 1:1, the gospel was written to set down in order the things which Jesus began to do and to teach, and Acts 1:1 to show what the risen and ascended Lord was continuing to do and to teach. While men are on earth He only begin to do and to show certain things, but from His place of glorious exaltation, He is continuing His mighty work by the Holy Spirit through the disciples. Concerning the contents of the gospel, he asserts first, that the source of his information was recorded statements of eye witnesses. He assures us that these statements have been verified by him. Second, that he had made a systematic statement of these facts in order to strengthen the faith of his friend, Theophilus.

II. Luke the Beloved Physician (Col. 4:14).

He evidently was a skilled physician as his descriptions of the diseases which Jesus cured shows. His description of the symptoms of the diseases shows his capability. It was left to the physician to portray with vivid exactness the strife birth by means of which the Eternal Son became Incarnate. He was not only skillful but tenderly sympathetic. This sympathy is shown in his portrayal of the Great Physician-in His compassion for the poor, helpless and suffering people. What untold good a skillful and sympathetic Christian physician can do! No one gets so closely into touch with human life as a doctor.

III. Luke the Companion of Paul (Acts 16:9-15).

1. Paul's Need of a Physician. There is clear evidence that Paul had some physical ailment which made the service of a skillful physician most desirable. When the call came to go to Europe with the gospel, Luke joined Paul and became one of his most helpful companions. This is one example of what a faithful Christian physician can do.

2. Luke's Fidelity. "Only Luke is with me." He was no mere fair-weather friend. He stood by Paul in storm and calm. Paul was now in the cold jail awaiting execution. What a great comfort it must have been to know that this faithful physician was with him. He was with him at Philippi, Mitylene, Jerusalem, Caesarea, before Felix and Festus, on the voyage to Rome, with him in the Roman jail, through the Roman trial, and perhaps a spectator of his execution. It cost Luke a great deal to do this, but he no doubt considered it a labor of love, even feeling the call of God as really as Paul. Nothing is known of Luke after Paul's death. Tradition has some interesting things to say, but no word of certainty.

Courage.

Fear God, and take your own part. There's little in this, young man; see how Moses feared God, and how he took his own part against everybody who meddled with him. And see how David feared God, and took his own part. . . . So fear God, young man, and never give in! The world can bolty, and is fond, provided it sees a man in a kind of difficulty, of getting about him, calling him coarse names, and even going so far as to bullies carries a white feather in its tail, and no sooner sees the man taking off his coat, and offering to fight his best, than it scatters here and there, and is always civil to him afterwards.—Borrow.

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Blind Fanaticism.

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Forgiveness or Sin.

Said General Oglethorpe to Wesley, "I never forgive." "Then I hope, sir," said Wesley, "you never sin."

Forgiveness.

"Two persons cannot long be friends if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.—Bruyere.

Disorder Destroyed Love.

I was a freshman. Will Bond over heels in love with the Latin teacher. He was the finest looking, most immaculate man I had ever known! One day I stopped at his place with my brother, and such a delusion. Dirty shirts, soiled collars and crumpled up sox were strewn all around the room. The sight quite overwhelmed me. Love flew out of the window.—Exchange.

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District	Votes Cast	Sears	Strickland	Jacobs	J. M. Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]	R. F. Mitchell	R. E. Clarke	E. K. Hamilton	T. J. Lipscomb	H. T. Williams	W. T. Marshall	W. C. Cochran	Holman Hart	G. N. Agnew	Wilson Sim
Clover Hill	237	43	161	1	74	139	116	121	99	112	101	103	111	185	109	96	102	107
Rocks	82	26	26	32	43	23	29	45	23	23	39	28	27	56	44	50	45	57
Walkers Church	123	49	31	17	49	55	49	45	23	37	46	41	40	100	76	45	50	55
Pamplin	115	27	6	79	54	44	28	26	29	32	30	30	32	30	8	5	12	10
	657	164	243	130	220	276	221	233	193	204	212	202	219	361	235	212	213	229

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT OFFICERS

Precincts	Votes Cast	Burke	Harwood	Pitcel	Clement	Abbitt	Pippen	Supervisor: Smith	Committeemen: Terrance	J. A. Brooks	C. W. Smith	A. H. Howerton	J. G. Gunter	S. G. Sharpe	J. E. Burwell	W. Harvey	C. P. Moore	H. Marshall
Southside District—																		
Court House	459	279	294	228	250	235	141	245	232	287	264	248	237	243	208	246	215	208
Chestwood	53	34	19	31	22	36	31	25	16	23	29	31	31	48	30	10	10	21
Chap	130	59	69	45	81	71	57	40	55	54	48	45	41	52	46	76	74	72
Clover Hill District—																		
Pamplin	115	45	69	40	70	69	48											
Walkers Church	123	48	75	49	69	49	58											
Rocks	82	27	53	37	43	49	31											
Clover Hill	387	113	117	145	86	132	109											
Stonewall District—																		
Aere	121	53	66	61	53	76	45											
Oakville	173	86	84	93	73	99	65											
Stonewall	182	152	29	148	30	161	7											
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Agee	121	44	73	45	65	56	56	50	45	61	54	53				
Aere	173	118	47	91	80	103	64	54	51	76	75	77				
Oakville	193	166	8	159	34	164	11	124	113	126	86	46				
Stonewall	182	152	29	148	30	161	7			283	274	184	179			
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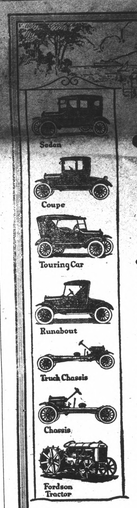

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